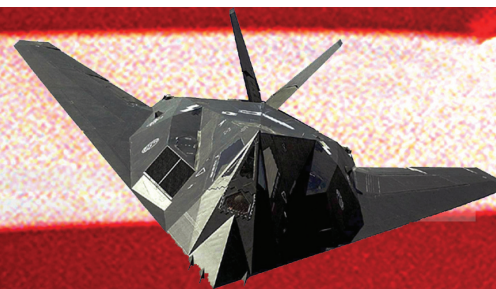


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Expeditionary Force
Tempo*

**As of April 17,
317 Airmen were
deployed to
17 countries
around the
world.**



Photo by Airman 1st Class Russell Scalf

Final run

Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander and Col. David Moore, 49th Fighter Wing vice commander, lead the way during the wing run April 21. Prior to the start of the run, General Cichowski passed the wing guidon to Colonel Moore as a symbolic gesture of passing the command before his departure in May. Colonel Moore will command the wing until the arrival of Col. David Goldfein in June.

Holloman kids need a wingman, too

by Laura Hunt
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Holloman Wingman Program encourages military members to take care of each other. As part of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Family Advocacy Outreach Program and the Holloman Youth Center teamed up to let kids know they need a wingman, too.

During the "Holloman Kids Need a Wingman, Too" presentation April 21, speakers explained why kids also need a wingman.

Lt. Col. Juliette Robinson, 49th Medical Group chief nurse executive, said wingmen can cheer each other up.

"You have someone you can go and vent to ... someone you can talk about your problems to, who will listen without judging you," Colonel Robinson said.

Wingmen also keep each other out of trouble or can tell an adult when something bad happens, Colonel Robinson said.

"That person is going to be there for you," she said. "And you're going to be there for them."

Mr. Howard Hill, Family Advocacy Treatment manager, used the wingman concept to help kids understand what to do if they're being bullied. He pulled two volunteers from the audience and pretended to bully one of them.

"You're his wingman, so what are

you going to do?" he asked the other volunteer. She ran to an adult in the audience and asked for help.

Youth and Teen Center Director Mr. John Smith handed out Junior Wingman Cards. The oath on the card says "As a junior wingman, I pledge to help those in need, to assist other youth who request my help and to seek out others who can help me."

Ms. Maggie Clark, Family Advocacy nurse and organizer of the presentation, said the aim of the Junior Wingman Program is to let kids and parents know that caring for each other is a shared responsibility.

"Kids need to take care of kids," she said. "We need to take care of each other."

Awareness is only the first step; *Let's kick it up a notch*

by Ms. Leslie Rhines Joseph
49th Fighter Wing

The Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program is reaching its one year mark of implementation.

To date, more than one million Air Force members are trained on what sexual assault is, how to prevent it, how to report it and what steps to take in the unfortunate event an assault happens.

We have made great strides toward an institutional and cultural change, yet we must not consider the task complete. Awareness is defined as "having knowledge or cognizance of something."

I assert that having knowledge of what sexual assault is or isn't, or about the program itself, is not enough.

In 2004, the Air Force received 456 reports of sexual assault involving a servicemember as a victim or offender.

The 2005 data released earlier this month shows that the Air Force has received 584 reports of the same characteristic.

On one hand more people are aware and are reporting these offenses, however

a troubling fact emerges that more people are aware and are committing these offenses.

How can we as a community kick it up a notch?

The answer is through intervention and our contribution. Intervention is sometimes a loaded word with the expectation that something dramatic/tragic must happen to get the point across.

The hope is that the intervention by wingmen, co-workers, etc., will prevent the unthinkable from happening.

We must not sit idly by as people we know in some capacity participate in unacceptable or risky behavior.

A wise man recently said to me, "We must point out the 'just don't look right,'" as a way to protect our fellow man and ourselves.

We must share what we know through intervention and take our awareness to the next level.

As volunteers are honored during this time, I must mention

the importance of making a contribution. It requires no finances, only your time, talent and compassion.

Your contributions to this community mean that in the course of giving, you will be afforded many opportunities to share what you know.

Here at Holloman, I am proud to say there are 12 volunteer victim advocates kicking it up a notch everyday by sharing what they know and standing at the ready to assist victims.

We, of course, could use more volunteers throughout the community to take awareness further and infect that positive energy all around Holloman.

Sexual assault prevention and response is an issue of concern in our Air Force community – it is a community problem that requires a community response.

For the record

In the April 20 issue of the *Sunburst*, in the page 11 "Child on the street" column, Nicholas Boffman, 6, was inadvertently mixed up with Anthony Owens, 7. The staff apologizes for the error.

Holloman Hotline

The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil.

Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.

572-7500

Housing office2-3981
Housing maintenance2-7901
Medical clinic2-5991
Finance2-5107
Services2-3528
Commissary2-5127
Fraud, waste and abuse2-3713
BX479-6164



Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski
49th FW commander

DUI Update

Days since last DUI	32
DUIs this year	5
This week last year	8

Last six DUIs

• 49th LRS	March 24
• 49th MMS	Feb. 23
• 49th AMXS	Feb. 19
• 49th ADOS	Feb. 17
• 49th FW	Jan. 31
• 49th CS	Dec. 30

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

118 Saves this year

2 Saves this week



High: 82
Low: 54
TODAY



High: 78
Low: 44
SATURDAY



High: 74
Low: 42
SUNDAY



High: 76
Low: 46
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the
49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight.



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Loose lips still sink ships

OPSEC expands focus: remain critical, be familiar with critical information lists, says Holloman force protection officer

by Capt. Gideon McClure
AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- "Do you think you'll deploy this year? How long will you be gone? What do you think you'll be doing? Where? Will you be going with a lot of people?"

At this point in the conversation you should be wondering who is asking, why they are asking and who else might want the answers.

Although answers to these questions may not be classified, the information could reveal sensitive details of military operations that, when put together, could endanger mission effectiveness or lives.

"Whether deployed or at home, every Airman has a responsibility to safeguard operational information," said Gen. William R. Looney III, Air Education and Training Command commander. "Airmen need to be aware of what they are saying and who might be listening. We need to realize security starts at the source."

This idea is not new. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed National Security Decision Directive 298, which requires each executive department and agency supporting national security missions to establish an operational security program.

The objective of this OPSEC program was clear: prevent the inadvertent compromise of sensitive U.S. government activities, capabilities or intentions through an adversary's collection of unclassified information.

While security programs were already in place to protect classified information, the OPSEC program was intended to protect pieces of publicly available information that could jeopardize military actions or intentions.

The directive laid the foundation for the OPSEC process and established actions different agencies were required to take.

"The first step in protecting operational information at Holloman is to become familiar with wing and unit critical information lists," said 1st Lt. Mike McNeerney, 49th Fighter Wing chief of tactical requirements. "These lists spell out exactly what our commanders feel is sensitive information and what to do to protect it."

In a message released March 27, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley encouraged all Airmen to know and understand the critical information essential to mission success. He called on Airmen to recognize vulnerabilities in Air Force processes and apply OPSEC measures.

"Understanding and using OPSEC will protect our personnel and enhance our ability to conduct operations safely, securely and effectively," General Moseley said in his message.

General Moseley also pointed out that as the Air Force becomes more reliant on new technologies, such as Web logs and wireless communication devices, their attention to OPSEC procedures should be heightened.

In 1988, when the OPSEC program was formed, blogs and personal digital assistants did not exist. Sensitive information was more likely obtained through telephone lines, public conversations or discarded documents. The old adage "Loose lips sink ships" still applies, but now critical information can be compromised through a greater variety of electronic means. The Internet—particularly personal sites and blogs—is fertile ground for adversaries hunting for sensitive operational information.

"Our Airmen are technologi-

cally savvy. That's one of the keys to our flexibility as a fighting force," General Looney said. "But from an OPSEC perspective, there are vulnerabilities associated with cell phones, personal digital assistant, flash drives and blogs. With increased use of these technologies comes an increased responsibility to carefully guard operational information from improper disclosure. Our enemies know how to use technology as well, and they are on the prowl."

Lieutenant McNeerney advises Holloman members to be mindful of what they place on the Internet.

"Once something is put online, you have to assume it's out in the public domain forever. Encrypting our emails and using common sense are the best ways to keep operational information secure on the Internet," he said.

According to an al-Qaida training manual found by police in Manchester, England, terrorists have distinct guidelines on how to obtain information that would assist in subverting U.S. interests, policies and operations.

"Spying on the enemy is permitted and ... winning the battle is dependent on knowing the enemy's secrets, movements and plans," the manual states.

When Airmen post information to a blog about their deployments, they run the risk of exposing military actions or intentions -- a point General Moseley drove home in his message.

"We have been fighting the Global War on Terror for more than 1,500 days," General Moseley said. "Never before has it been more important for the Air Force to protect and control its critical information. Effective OPSEC practices are critical to Air Force operations and serve as the cornerstone to our efforts, both in war and peace." -- (AFTC)

Holloman sergeant awarded bronze star

by Laura Hunt

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

He dismantled roadside bombs, destroyed enemy ammunition and put his life at risk every day while deployed in Iraq from March to September 2005.

For Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Hansen, 49th Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician, it was just part of the job.

But Sergeant Hansen's service was meritorious enough for the Army to award him the Bronze Star Medal.

Sergeant Hansen deployed to Iraq as an EOD team leader in March 2005. His four-man team was part of a larger group that would respond when someone reported an explosive device.

His job in Iraq was similar to what he does at Holloman. Sergeant Hansen responds to bomb calls, safeguards the affected area and dismantles any explosives. However, calls in Iraq and calls at Holloman are very different, he said.

"If you get called up on an IED here, a lot of times it's a negative finding or it's something simple," Sergeant Hansen said. "It's not nearly as difficult as what you find in Iraq."

Because he has the most experience and was a team leader, it was his responsibility to dismantle the bombs in Iraq.

"When you get called on something in Iraq, you get this feeling in your gut," Sergeant Hansen said. "This is serious business."

First, his team would send a robot to investigate the device. Then, Sergeant Hansen would approach the bomb wearing a 60-pound bomb suit for protection.

"They call it the long, lonely walk," said Capt. Kristy Youngpeter, 49th EOD Flight commander. "You could be walking to be a hero or you could be walking to your death."

If one of the bombs exploded while he was on top of it, the suit would have offered little protection. The suit is designed to shield the technician while he's walking

toward or away from the device, Sergeant Hansen said. That's why an EOD technician has to be able to rely on his team, he said.

"You're always hoping your guys did a good job with the initial recon with the robot," Sergeant Hansen said.

While in Iraq, the EOD technician found several types of explosive devices. Some were remote controlled, some were detonated with a long length of wire, some exploded when stepped on and some were booby trapped with a second explosive. If a device couldn't be dismantled, the EOD technician would detonate them in place.

After the bombs were dismantled or destroyed, Sergeant Hansen conducted post-blast investigations to collect information about how the device functions and who built it.

According to the Army regulations, the Bronze Star is awarded to those who distinguish themselves by heroic achievement or service while performing military operations against an armed enemy.

Sergeant Hansen fits the criteria, Captain Youngpeter said.

"I think his action is definitely deserving of a Bronze Star Medal," she said. "He stepped up to the responsibility when he needed to and proved himself as an EOD tech."

Sergeant Hansen "safed" 29 IEDs and two car bombs during his deployment.

In three cases, the reconnaissance robot malfunctioned before any information about the bombs could be gathered.

Sergeant Hansen had to go into the area knowing little to nothing about the bomb he was approaching.

The job is dangerous and stressful, but Sergeant Hansen said he doesn't think of it that way.

"You get numb to it after a while," he said. "You're just doing your job."



Sergeant Hansen

Invasive plant species growing problem

By Elva K. Österreich
Alamogordo Daily News

Several invaders have managed to strike the flightline at Holloman. These aliens are potentially destructive to asphalt and concrete runways, and can put damaging particles in the air that affect aircraft.

Jeanne Dye, natural resources manager at Holloman, said the base has a problem with tamarisk, or salt cedar, and other non-native invasive plant species.

The salt cedar is the highest priority on the list, Ms. Dye said. Other problem plants include African rue and Malta starthistle, she said.

The salt cedar is a water hog, consuming well over 100 gallons a day per tree, Ms. Dye said.

“Water resources are very precious,” Ms. Dye said. “Salt cedar can consume large volumes of water.”

In the airfield, where salt cedar grows alongside runways, it causes an obstruction and visibility issues for pilots, she said.

Invasive plant species take advantage of disturbed ground to get a foothold, she said. Also they like the water runoff from paved surfaces. Most invasive plants have no predators, either. Few things neither eat

or breed on them.

African rue loves to disturb sites and roadways. The thick, twiney plant traps FOD — items that cause foreign object damage to aircraft. Pebbles, soil and other plant matter can be trapped by African rue growing near flightlines, with the potential to cause problems for aircraft.

The pretty but invasive African rue can also cause premature breakdown of paved surfaces. One African rue plant can produce 300 seed pods, with 25 to 50 seeds in each.

“It spreads very far,” Ms. Dye said.

Ms. Dye said invasive plant species alter ecosystems. They push out native species and habitats, and are able to support fewer native animal species.

This year Holloman will be treating just over 1,100 acres in an effort to control the invasive weeds. More than 200 of those acres are part of the airfield, Ms. Dye said.

The invasive weed problem is being treated by a combination of treatments, Ms. Dye said. Changing cultural practices will help stem the influx of the plants, while cutting and applying herbicides will help reduce existing encroachments.

Changing cultural practices includes

stemming the use of the salt cedar as a decorative touch in local gardens. Even two years ago, when the problem was already well known, a local nursery was found to be selling the plant in five gallon buckets.

Going on the attack, Holloman has contracted out the invasive weed removal project.

“This is the first year that we are treating this much of the problem,” Ms. Dye said. “The work is phased and will be a multi-year effort to stop the spread, and control what is here.”

The base has received combined funding of close to \$500,000 for treatment for this year.

“Our first mission is to support the military efforts,” Ms. Dye said of her office’s efforts.

But in addition to the first mission, Ms. Dye’s job is to preserve and protect the native habitats and species encompassed by the base.

“Any wetlands areas these invade push out native species, causing us not to achieve that (preservation) goal,” Ms. Dye said.

More than 200 species of migratory birds use the wetlands near Lake Holloman. From migratory small sparrows to numerous duck species and the occasional small flocks of sandhill cranes, the wetlands are extensively used by visiting fowl.

“Water resources are not only precious to us, but are important to wildlife in desert areas,” Ms. Dye said.

Some shore birds require open, bare ground on the shoreline.

“With invasive species, you lose the shoreline and are no longer able to support the species,” Ms. Dye said.

Salt cedar actually exudes a crystalline salt, dropping it on the surrounding soil, making the soil less able to support native species. Once the salt cedar is removed, the crystalline salts will dissipate over a period of time, she said.

“After loss of habitat, invasive species are the greatest threat to the survival of native species,” said Corry Westbrook, legislative representative for wildlife conservation at the National Wildlife Federation. “Military lands harbor over 350 species protected by the Endangered Species Act. As a result, installations across the country have the added duty of protecting imperiled plants and wildlife.”



African Rue

Desert Lanes Bowling Center snack bar hot spot

by Tech. Sgt Ray Bowden
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

At 7 a.m. Friday morning, Holoman's Desert Lanes Bowling Center snack bar slowly filled with customers of all ranks and category: American and German Airmen, retirees and two civilian contractors from the nearby National Range Test Facility.

They are but a few of the 75 to 200 customers the snack bar serves every Monday through Friday.

According to Mr. Ed Fitzhenry, 49th Fighter Wing Services Squadron Business Operations flight chief, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. is the busiest time of day for the snack bar staff.

Mr. Fitzhenry said if you stayed at the bowling center long enough, you might see many different people from the Holoman community come and go.

By 7:30 a.m. the place is packed, the line rapidly growing and the seats filling with customers while cooks, Ms. Evelyn Jimenez and Ms. Catherine Bowman, fry omelets and Ms. Sharon Webber works the cash register behind the long counter.

Ms. Weber has worked at the Bowling Center since 1985.

Since that time, she has seen a near-

complete change in staff, as well as the bowling center grow from a 12-lane facility to a 24-lane facility.

While technically a cook, she assists with a variety of other duties such as cashier, food preparation and food deliveries, she said.

Mr. Bobby Hays, Bowling Center manager, said the snack bar brings in an average \$1,000 in sales every day. He credits this sum with the quality of the staff.

"We have a great staff. They do a lot with just a little," he said.

The staff consists entirely of civilians.

Ms. Weber describes the staff as a team.

"We have a good staff. We really try to work together," she said.

Master Sgt. (ret.) Troy Poovey is a regular customer who tries to bowl five times a week.

"You can't find better service or food. It's a great atmosphere," he said.

Along with its perceived quality of service, the snack bar has become somewhat well-known for its breakfast burrito.

"Our business is certainly not hurt by the breakfast burritos," said Mr. Hays.

Ms. Weber agreed, calling the breakfast burritos the snack bar's "signature item."

The snack bar serves between 20 to 30 breakfast burritos every day.

"I'm kind of hooked on them," said Senior Airman Josh Sterling, 169th Air National Guard civil engineer.

Airman Sterling is currently deployed on a temporary duty assignment to Holoman.

"I've been here at least 10 times now and I always get the breakfast burrito," he said.

Convenience also appears to be a factor for customers.

"It's very close and convenient and we like the food," said Senior Master Sgt. Klaus Heitmeir, 20th German Aircraft Flying Squadron. "Without it, we would have to go to White Sands or Alamogordo," he said.

While further renovations on the Bowling Center are only in the planning stage, Mr. Hays said he hopes to see the snack bar renovated with the counter facing the bowling lanes in order to better facilitate customers.

Some of the snack bar staff have worked here longer than some of Holoman's highest tenured employees and have served breakfast to thousands," said Mr. Fitzhenry. "Hopefully, they make Holoman a better place to work," he said.

TRICARE online access available to dependents

The 49th Medical Group now offers beneficiaries access to www.TRICARE-Online.com.

Beneficiaries will now receive the following TRICARE On-Line Benefits:

Pharmacy:

- Research/download "Fact Sheets" about prescriptions
- Enrollment in the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy

Ability to check your claims:

- Check and track the status of claims
- Get on-line assistance from claim reps

Dental:

- Enroll and learn about TRICARE dental plans

Enrollments:

- Update enrollment information or obtain forms

Appointments:

- Starting Aug. 1, the option of scheduling dependent appointments online without calling the appointment desk will be available.

To register, go to www.TRICAREOnline.com.

For more information, call the TRICARE office at 572-7700.

Fair inspires Airmen, families to serve

by Capt Joel Stark
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Airman and Family Readiness Center held its annual Volunteer Fair featuring several new agencies with more than 70 visitors in attendance Friday.

The event was held at the base community center and featured fourteen booths offering various volunteer opportunities.

Ms. Shirley Bratton, a community readiness consultant, said the Volunteer Fair is held every April.

“The last week of April is National Volunteer Appreciation Week. The theme this year is ‘Inspire by Example,’” she said.

Returning agencies from previous years’ fairs included Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Habitat for Humanity.

Some groups were there for the first time including 572-RIDE and White Sands National Monument.

This year’s fair also included its first broadcasting station appearance, KVBA, a Christian station that also brought studio equipment for its display.

In addition to hosting the fair, the AFRC is a daily resource and referral agency, said Ms. Bratton. “We post volunteer opportunities at the center. We also give that information to newcomers and spouses when they arrive at Holloman. So even though we only hold the fair once a year, recruiting volunteers is year long.”

One feature the AFRC hopes to entice busy Airmen and spouses to volunteer with is child care.



Photo by Capt. Joel Stark

Airman 1st Class Suzie Pierre, 49th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, discusses volunteer opportunities with Park Ranger Jessica Kusky.

Some I.D. card holders may be eligible for up to ten hours of free child care by volunteering through the Family Services section. Family Services is an all-volunteer component of the center.

A few of the agencies the AFRC has information on are Meals on Wheels, the Juvenile Drug Court Program and Alamogordo Search and Rescue. According to Ms. Bratton, volunteers can look forward to more than just a good mark on their performance report or resume’.

“Some military members volunteer because it’s a great thing to put on their EPRs. But just as a person, there’s no price you can put on the feeling you get when you’re serving others,” she said. “The benefits are long and lasting. Even when volunteers leave Holloman, the impact they’ve made and their legacy remain.”

Chief's Sharp Troop Award

Name: Staff Sgt. Heather Parker,
49th Communication Squadron

Hometown: Sierra Vista, Arizona

How long have you been in the Air Force? Eight years

How long have you been at Holloman? Four years

What are your professional goals? They seem to change often. The AF has been the one constant. I love what I do and would be honored to serve as long as I can.



“Sergeant Parker, in my eyes, personifies the qualities of a great NCO. I asked her to head up one of the sub-committees on one of the largest volunteer programs of the year, Holloman Annual Awards. She asked me a couple of questions and then ran with the ball keeping me fully informed of what she was going to do and how she was going to make her plan happen. She also ran the tours part of Annual Awards and received accolades from all the nominees for the superb manner in which she conducted those tours. She is a great NCO full of initiative and she truly was a force multiplier for the Holloman Annual Awards Program.”

– Chief Master Sgt. Dale Barton
49th Fighter Wing command chief

Military badges of honor

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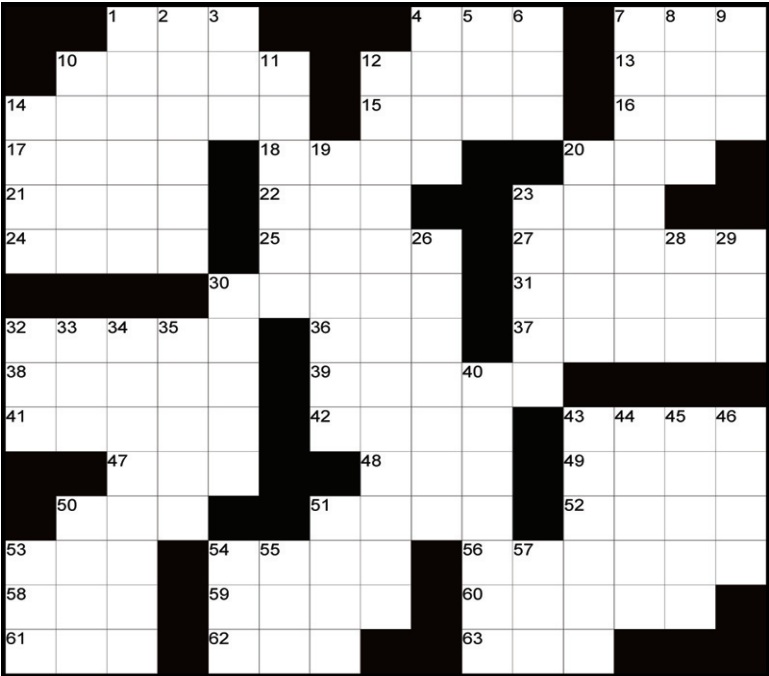
- 1. USAF field meal
- 4. Badge with scales; awarded to 51J
- 7. AETC crest badge; awarded to 8T000 or 81T
- 10. Conjecture
- 12. Castle protector
- 13. Decor or op
- 14. Minnesota city
- 15. Historic
- 16. Less than
- 17. Mineral and baby
- 18. Chooses
- 20. Mole
- 21. Minor Prophet; son of Beerl
- 22. Judge or pay lead-in
- 23. Mil. overseas address starter
- 24. NY team
- 25. Impoverished
- 27. Mornings
- 30. Popular aquarium denizen
- 31. Body of water
- 32. Evaluate
- 36. Badge with bomb and bolts; awarded to 3E8X1 (in short)

- 37. Translucent glassy mineral
- 38. Badge with globe and eagle; awarded to 2F0X1
- 39. Similar
- 41. Motor
- 42. High time
- 43. Drains
- 47. Car ID
- 48. ____-whiz
- 49. Squadron or group
- 50. Hamper
- 51. General's helper; AFSC of 88A
- 52. Heap
- 53. Tic-__-toe
- 54. Male children
- 56. Portable computer
- 58. NORAD air sovereignty mission
- 59. Vent anger
- 60. Conspicuous success
- 61. Harris and O'Neal
- 62. Stitch
- 63. TV actress Susan

DOWN

- 1. Bad haircut?
- 2. Recycles
- 3. Langley AFB time zone

- (GMT-0500)
- 4. Wets
- 5. ____ alai
- 6. Badge with a tower; awarded to 1C1X1
- 7. Badge with globe being circle by spacecraft; awarded to 3U0X1
- 8. Pitt movie
- 9. USAF recreation support site
- 10. Demeanor
- 11. Ye Olde ____
- 12. Badge with a vane; awarded to 15W or 1W0X1
- 14. Perdition
- 19. Exhibiting considerable variety
- 20. Badge with globe orbiting constellations; awarded to 13S or 1C6X1
- 23. Mud hut
- 26. Transmitted to HQ
- 28. Vote against
- 29. NBC comedy show
- 30. Former heavyweight boxer
- 32. Bellows or Clear sites
- 33. Litigate
- 34. Badge with globe and



- torch; awarded to 34M or 3M0X1
- 35. ____ & *The Chipmunks*
- 40. Genuflected
- 43. Badge with a globe and eagle; awarded to 2S0X1
- 44. Singer/activist Bryant
- 45. Badge with shield and wings; awarded to 11X
- 46. Staircase item
- 50. Badge with a globe and lyre; awarded to 35B or

- 3N1X1
- 51. From scratch
- 53. Shoe part
- 54. Badge with AF crest and eagle; awarded to 31P/3P0X1 (in short)
- 55. Lode
- 57. Gen. Chuck Yeager was one

Health fair

A Health Fair for the Holloman community is scheduled Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Holloman Primary School. The fair will address nutrition, exercise and safety and will be geared toward both children and adults.

Legal office

Beginning May 11 the Holloman Law Center will resume walk-in legal assistance. Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information, call 572-7217.

Graduation

Graduation for students receiving degrees from Community College of the Air Force, Central Texas College, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Park University, Troy State University and University of Phoenix is scheduled for May 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the Oasis Enlisted Club. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 572-3971.

Found

The following items were found and are now being held for pick up by security forces.

- Two Metal Scooters
- Abandoned Vehicle: A 1993 Red Ford Thunderbird belonging to Mr. Jermaine Embry was parked at Bldg. 1219.

For more information or to claim the items, contact the 49th Security Forces Squadron at 572-7177.

DTS

In an effort to better serve customers the 49th Comptroller Financial Services office has created a new user friendly Defense Travel System (DTS) web page on the comptroller web site. The page is loaded with DTS information and is designed to help travelers, organizational defense travel administrators, and approving officials. The new address is <https://holloman-web/fw/cpts/dts.html>.

Career day

Tularosa Elementary School is looking for 10 servicemembers to present their career fields at

the school's career day May 5. Presentations should last about 20 minutes.

The use of presentations, videos, handouts, manipulative, etc., would greatly enhance the presentation. More than one servicemember may present a career field. Presenters have the option of presenting a full day or a half day and lunch will be provided by the school. For more information or to volunteer, e-mail dmohr@tularosa.k12.nm.us.

A/C startup

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning section has begun startup of A/C systems. All A/C systems other than military family housing will be serviced, tested and started. The process is scheduled to be completed by May 31. Facilities are prioritized in the following order:

1. Dormitories
2. Office areas
3. Industrial areas

No requests or appointments are necessary as all facilities have already been identified and are tentatively scheduled. Facility managers will be notified when their individual systems have been started. Please refrain from placing trouble calls until after systems have been activated. For more information, call 572-3223 or 572-3224.

Torch run

The torch run will be May 15 during the 2006 Special Olympics. The run is open to all law enforcement and military members. Cost is \$15 per person, which pays for a T-shirt, as well as insurance during the run. Participants will run from Alamogordo to White Sands Missile Range. Anyone interested in running, purchasing a T-shirt or making a donation, call Officer Borunda at 439-4364.

MyPay Web site

As a reminder, the MyPay Web site address is <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. There are look-a-like Web sites being developed to make people think they are accessing official sites, including the MyPay Web site. These sites request personal information that, if provided, could cause a variety

of problems for the members.

There are also sites that use the words "MyPay" as part of their Web address. While they may be legitimate business concerns, they are not in any way affiliated with DFAS and MyPay.

The following are a few sites that use MyPay in their address.

www.mypay.com
www.mypay.se/indexen.html
www.mypaysolutions.com/

Be aware of these sites to avoid confusion.

Main gate construction

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron is installing a concrete curb between the drainage ditch and roadway to stop stones from the ditch from coming into the road. During this construction, the far right lane will be temporarily closed from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. Construction is expected to last no longer than a week.

After the curb is complete, the main gate area will be landscaped to match the remainder of the base. Access to the Visitor Center or its parking lot will not be affected. The whole project, including the landscaping, is expected to be completed by May 12.

For more information, call customer service at 572-3223.

PADD

Airmen must designate one immediate family member as the person authorized to direct disposition of their remains should they become a casualty.

Persons authorized to direct disposition information should include the designated person's name, relationship to member, address with zip code and telephone number.

The last digit of the Social Security Number will identify when Airmen must update their records. The remaining dates are as follows:

- 6 – Today to Friday
- 7 – Saturday to Wednesday
- 8 – May 4 to May 9
- 9 – May 10 to May 15
- 0 – May 16 to May 22

For more information or for questions concerning the PADD designation, call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from April 11 to Monday:

Property loss, damage or theft:

April 11: An NCO reported vehicular damage to his car while parked in the Bldg. 584, billeting, parking lot.

April 12: An NCO reported that he inadvertently broke his front window in his residence on San Miguel

Loop. Damage occurred when he threw a ball at the television, which bounced off and broke the window next to the front door.

April 13: A civilian reported that his vehicle was struck in the rear passenger window by an errant rock kicked up from nearby mowers, causing it to break.

April 15: A civilian reported a minor accident on McKinley Loop. Investigation revealed that the first vehicle failed to observe the second vehicle backing up and the two collided causing minor damage.

Patrol response:

April 11: An NCO reported a vehicle carrying six civilians in route to White Sands National Monument made a wrong turn at the gate. The vehicle was redirected.

April 11: An NCO reported an “invalid access code” alarm activation at Bldg. 45. A check of the perimeter revealed nothing out of order. Cause of the alarm was

determined to be human error.

April 12: An NCO reported that there were two backpacks underneath the bench in front of the Base Exchange. The owners of the backpacks were located and stated that as students they were not allowed to bring backpacks into the Base Exchange. AAFES management was requested to find a more suitable arrangement for storing patron’s backpacks.

April 12: An officer reported a major accident on Delaware Avenue adjacent to Bldg. 317. Investigation revealed that the first vehicle failed to observe the second vehicle stop for retreat. Both drivers went to Gerald Champion Medical Center for medical treatment.

April 13: A civilian reported that a cabinet fell on another civilian’s head at Bldg. 584. Civilian was transported to G-CRMC for treatment.

April 13: A civilian reported that another civilian had ingested industrial strength auto cleaner. Civilian

Crossword answers

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Heritage Center
The Heritage Center is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Saturday, at no cost. The center is a great place to learn about local Air Force history.



<i>The Shaggy Dog (PG)</i>
6 p.m. Friday
<i>Ultraviolet (PG-13)</i>
6 p.m. Saturday
<i>Aquamarine (PG)</i>
6 p.m. Sunday
<i>Aquamarine (PG)</i>
6 p.m. Wednesday

Chapel services

- Weekday Masses** – 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Sunday** – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
 - General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 - Protestant Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
 - Catholic Religious Education, 10:30 a.m. at Holloman Intermediate School.



The Public Affairs office has extra copies of the 2006 Base Guide and Telephone Directory. If your group, squadron, unit or household would like to have a copy of the base guide (complete or telephone directory only) please contact Ms. Danielle Toste at 572-1991 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday – Thursday. Please provide the quantity desired and the date and time for pick up.

